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Book Review: The Rhode Island Atlas

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BOOK REVIEW

Marion I. Wright and Robert J. Sullivan, *The Rhode Island Atlas*, Rhode Island Publications Society, Providence, 1982. 240 pages, illustrations, appendices, index, bibliography. \$12.95 available from Rhode Island Publications Society.

This concise, single volume description of Rhode Island and its people is distinguished by the unusual quality of being immensely readable. Physically, *The Rhode Island Atlas* is an attractive reference work. The print is clear and comfortably large. The photographs are clear and relevant to the subject. The book contains useful appendices as well as an index and bibliography.

Compiled in consultation with the State government, Census Bureau, and most of the State's historic agencies, the contents are accurate, conveniently arranged, and current to the 1980 Census.

For a small library without the means to acquire numerous reference sources on such topics as state and local demographics and environment, the single-volume *Rhode Island Atlas* will easily substitute for multiple reference works.

The atlas is a landmark resource for information on Rhode Island's landscape, environment, and population. It should stand as a companion to the works of Field and Arnold in its examination of the state's historic development. Among the most useful features are maps delineating such information as significant locations in black history, derivations of place names, and historic house museums. Profiles of ethnic populations are up-to-date and trace migrations of such groups into and within Rhode Island.

The importance and usefulness of *The Rhode Island Atlas* cannot be overstated. It is a superior reference tool and well worth obtaining by all who hope to understand the place in which they live.

— T.H.B.